

AGENDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 • 2:00 p.m. • Room 20 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

2:00

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2012, meeting

2:05

2. Overview of Committee Subject Areas and Committee-Related Bills Passed During the 2013 General Session

The committee is assigned to provide legislative oversight for statewide economic development, workforce services, housing and community development, heritage and arts, and the state agencies that perform those functions. In addition, the committee oversees assigned Utah Code titles and chapters. The committee will hear a subject area overview and a briefing of the bills passed that relate to the committee's responsibilities.

- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Peter Asplund, Associated General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

2:20

3. Required Annual Agency Written Reports

Over the last two years, the committee has taken action to standardize reporting provisions for its annual agency reports. Under S.B. 274, "Legislative Committee Amendments," which passed during the 2012 General Session, and H.B. 25, "Agency Reporting Provisions," which passed during the 2013 General Session, all annual reports to the Legislature from the Department of Heritage and Arts, the Department of Workforce Services, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development must be submitted in writing before November 1. Are the reports useful? Do they adequately fulfill statutory requirements? The committee will discuss last autumn's reports and consider best practices for receiving and reviewing reports going forward.

- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

2:45

4. Focus and Vision for the Committee's Interim Work

The chairs have asked for a committee discussion regarding effectively focusing the committee's work this interim. Committee members will be asked to provide input to the chairs on the most important issues for committee consideration.

3:15

5. Economic Development Task Force -- Update

The committee will hear an update on the work of the Economic Development Task Force. H.B. 28, "Economic Development Task Force," which passed during the 2012 General Session, created the task force. The task force is beginning the second year of its two-year assignment.

- Rep. Brad Wilson, Chair, Economic Development Task Force

3:25

6. Department of Heritage and Arts -- Structure, Mission, Duties, Goals, and Concerns

The Department of Heritage and Arts is one of three state agencies for which the committee has oversight. Representatives of the department will orient the committee on the department's organization, mission, duties, goals, and concerns.

- Julie Fisher, Executive Director, Department of Heritage and Arts
- Brian Somers, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Heritage and Arts

4:25

7. Other Committee Business/Adjourn